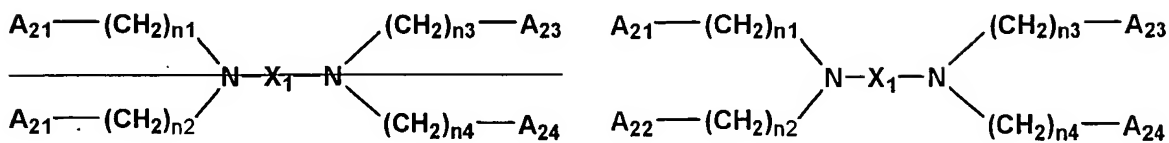


## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Formula (A-II)



wherein  $\text{A}_{21}$ ,  $\text{A}_{22}$ ,  $\text{A}_{23}$  and  $\text{A}_{24}$ , which may be the same or different, each represents  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{COOM}^1$  or  $-\text{PO}_3(\text{M}^2)_2$ ;  $\text{M}^1$  and  $\text{M}^2$  each represents a hydrogen atom, an ammonium group, an alkaline metal or an organic ammonium group;  $\text{X}_1$  represents a straight or branched alkylene group having 2 to 6 carbon atoms, a saturated or unsaturated organic group which forms a ring, or  $-(\text{B}_{11}\text{O})_{n5}-\text{B}_{12}-$ ;  $n5$  represents an integer of 1 - 6;  $\text{B}_{11}$  and  $\text{B}_{12}$ , which may be the same or different, each represents an alkylene group having 1 - 5 carbon atoms; and  $n1$ ,  $n2$ ,  $n3$  and  $n4$ , which may be the same or different, each represents an integer of not less than 1 and at least one of  $n1$ ,  $n2$ ,  $n3$  and  $n4$  is 2 or more. --